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Ms. Hesse:

Attorney General John Ashcroft and Microsoft's legal team are to be commended for their efforts to bring the Microsoft case to an end. I am writing to express my strong support for this settlement and to encourage the court to accept this agreement.

The economic benefits of ending this case should be taken into consideration. I am certain that the court is aware of the dramatic influence the DOJ's actions have had the technology sector. A look back in history clearly demonstrates a link between the beginnings of our bearish stock market to the order by a federal judge to bust up Microsoft.

I believe that an honest effort was made by all parties involved in the creation of the settlement to be fair. This settlement establishes a committee that will oversee Microsoft's business practices in the future. Additionally, the company will not be allowed to cut special packaging deals with computer makers and will be forced to shared technical information with its competitors.

This settlement is fair and it represents a step toward the technology sector getting back to work.

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